

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 58 through 73, 78, and 83 are pending, with Claims 58, 63, and 68 being independent. Claims 59, 61, 64 through 66, 69, 71, and 72 have been amended.

Claims 59, 61, 64, and 66 were objected to for informalities, and the Official Action provides suggestions as to how the claims should be amended. All objections are respectfully traversed, and are submitted to have been obviated by the amendment of the claims as kindly suggested in the Official Action, viz, Claims 59, 61, 64, and 66 have been amended to delete the term “continuous”, Claim 69 has been amended to change “computer storage” to --computer readable storage--, and Claim 72 has been amended to delete the objected-to hyphen.

Claims 58 through 73, 78, and 83 yet again were rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1, 2, and 5 through 16 of parent U.S. Patent No. 6,611,285 B1 in view of previously-cited U.S. Patent No. 5,598,209 (Cortjens, et al.). All rejections are respectfully traversed, and are submitted to have been obviated by the filing herewith of a Terminal Disclaimer making reference to the parent patent. The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

REQUEST FOR ENTRY OF AMENDMENT

This Amendment After Final Rejection is an earnest attempt to advance prosecution and reduce the number of issues, and is believed to clearly place this application in condition for

allowance. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully submits that a full appreciation of these amendments will not require undue time or effort given the Examiner's familiarity with this application. Moreover, this Amendment was not earlier presented because Applicant earnestly believed that the prior Amendment placed the subject application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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